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SUBJ: UN/IBRD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO STATISTICAL CENTER OF IRAN

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY JOSEPH EORY, A BRITISH NATIONAL RECENTLY ASSIGNED TO TEHRAN AS PROJECT MANAGER FOR UNDP (PARTLY IBRD-FUNDED) PROJECT IRA/73/013--ASSISTANCE TO STATISTICAL CENTER OF IRAN--TO BRING TO ATTENTION OF BUREAU OF CENSUS DESIRE OF STATISTICAL CENTER FOR FOUR-WEEK CENSUS TABULATION SYSTEM WORKSHOP IN TEHRAN IN SEPTEMBER. EORY UNDERSTANDS AID-FUNDED COMPUTER METHODS LABORATORY TEAM WILL BE IN BANGKOK DURING AUGUST. STATISTICAL CENTER WANTS TEAM LEADER BRADDOCK AND ONE OR TWO ASSISTANTS TO CONDUCT WORKSHOP IN IRAN. EORY IS WRITING SEPARATELY TO WILLARD, BUREAU OF CENSUS, ON SUBJECT.

2. STATISTICAL CENTER OF IRAN DEPUTY DIRECTOR FAROKHS EXPRESSED TO EMBOFF HIS STRONG DESIRE FOR SUBSTANTIAL BUREAU OF CENSUS PARTICIPATION IN UN PROJECT. HE SAID CENTER PREFERS US EXPERTS BE ASSIGNED TO PROJECT BECAUSE IRANIAN STATISTICANS MOST FAMILIAR WITH AMERICAN PROCEDURES DUE TO LARGE NUMBER HAVING RECEIVED US TRAINING AND BECAUSE CENTER ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED WITH USAID ASSISTANCE. PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO RUN FOR FOUR YEARS AND EVENTUALLY INVOLVE TOTAL OF 21 FOREIGN EXPERTS. TWO BUREAU OF CENSUS

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EXPERTS, JACK OGUS AND RICHARD STORM, IN TEHRAN ON TDY STATUS, TO

DO PRELIMINARY WORK BUT STORM ALREADY DEPARTED AND OGUS TOLD EMBOFF
HIS PERMANENT ASSIGNMENT BEING DELAYED BECAUSE OF NECESSARY
CLEARANCE PROCEDURES.

3. COMMENT: IRANIAN DESIRE FOR SUBSTANTIAL US INPUT IN PROJECT
APPEARS GENUINE AND COUNTRY'S ALREADY OBVIOUS NEED FOR BETTER
STATISTICAL DATA IS EXACERBATED BY CURRENT VERY RAPID ECONOMIC
GROWTH. GOI IS FUNDING NEARLY 90 PERCENT OF COST OF \$3.5 MILLION
PROJECT. EMBASSY AWARE THAT CLEARANCES AND OTHER BUREAUCRATIC
PROCEDURES NECESSARY BEFORE BUREAU OF CENSUS EXPERTS' DETAIL TO
UN FO ASSIGNMENT TO PROJECT CAN BE CARRIED OUT. AT SAME TIME, IN
VIEW OF CENTER'S STRONG DESIRE FOR US INPUT, URGE ANY STEPS
POSSIBLE BE TAKEN TO MEET IRANIAN REQUEST FOR CENSUS TABULATION
WORKSHOP IN SEPTEMBER AND EXPEDITE ASSIGNMENT OF CENSUS BUREAU
OFFICIALS TO PROJECT.
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